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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 22, 2005, in connection with the above application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.